

MINUTES

Brown County
Land Information Council
Tuesday, July 28, 2015
10:00 AM
Northern Building, Room 200
305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay WI

ROLL CALL:

Paul Zeller <i>County Treasurer</i>	Exc	Keith Deneys <i>Sheriffs Dept</i>	X
Bill Bosiacki <i>Zoning Administrator</i>	X	Chuck Lamine <i>Planning Director</i>	X
Francine Roberg <i>Village of Ashwaubenon</i>	X	Cullen Peltier <i>Public Safety Communications</i>	X
Tom Sieber <i>County Supervisor</i>	X	Dale Raisleger <i>Public Works/Highway</i>	X
Patrick Austin <i>Mark D. Olejniczak Realty</i>	Exc	Chad Weininger <i>Administration Director</i>	Exc
Terry VanHout <i>County Surveyor</i>	X	Jim Wallen <i>Real Property Lister</i>	X
Jon Bechle <i>Land & Water Conservation</i>	X	Cathy Williquette <i>Register of Deeds</i>	Exc
August Neverman <i>Tech Services Director</i>	X	Jeff DuMez <i>GIS/LIO Coordinator</i>	X

Also present: Sandy Wentland (Planning & Land Services)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the May 26, 2015 Land Information Council meeting

A motion was made by T. Sieber to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 Land Information Council meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Peltier. Vote taken, the minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

2. Council membership update: Land & Water Conservation Department

Jon Bechle was introduced as a new member of the Land Information Council, replacing Rob Vesperman and representing the Land & Water Conservation Department.

3. Land Information Strategic Plan progress update

J. DuMez discussed going over the GIS needs of various departments. His goal is to have an outline of the Land Information Strategic Plan finished by September and an approval by the end of the year. The Land Information Strategic Plan will now be a three year plan, as opposed to a five year plan, as it had been previously.

4. GIS Day/ Land Information Day: Wednesday Nov 18, 2015

GIS Day/ Land Information Day will be held on Wednesday, Nov 18th, and C. Williquette has offered to organize it. Like last time, it will be held at the Museum. The tentative plan is to hold Land Records/ Laredo/ POWTS, etc. information and training sessions in the morning, and then the Museum may carry it into the afternoon, inviting their Geology group and several Universities to showcase relevant student presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Review & approval of the 2016 Land Records Modernization/ Land Information Budget

J. DuMez went over the highlights of the 2016 Land Records Modernization/ Land Information budget. Software yearly contracts are slightly increasing for 2016. The department is receiving a 50,000 state grant, which comes with conditions and will likely be used for survey monumentation. J. DuMez stressed that as a whole, he's keeping everything very conservative for 2016. 2015 was a record low year for transfer fees, and this, coupled with several other factors, resulted in a negative balance for the Land Information Budget. There was discussion about how even though the LIO has put money into the levy (1.5 million dollars over the past however many years) by paying parts of 5 Property Listing positions, it still has to pay back the negative balance. A. Neverman raised some concerns about maintenance costs associated with the proposed AS400 system replacement. With software maintenance costs generally increasing, there is concern about where that money will come from. C. Peltier discussed 2016's lean budget. C. Lamine raised concerns about where the revenue from Laredo was going in the current budget structure. There was discussion about how if things keep going as they are, Brown County will soon backslide and won't be a leader with regards to technology or innovation. The ideas and talent are there; the funds are not. T. Sieber asked something about the Treasurer's Office, concerning salaries. C. Lamine addressed this issue. C. Lamine discussed how little our department relies on the levy for funding; a mere 24% of our expenses are paid by taxpayers. T. Sieber questioned why our Property Listing positions aren't funded by tax dollars, as they are in almost all other counties in Wisconsin. J. DuMez explained that this was a decision made years ago when we had a surplus of money in our budget. Motion by B. Bosiacki to approve budget. T. Sieber votes against budget. J. DuMez abstains.

6. Any Other Matters

On a personal note, C. Lamine wanted to give kudos to the Emergency Management system for their prompt response to an injury sustained by his wife recently. The system in place was quick and efficient. J. DuMez mentioned that our next meeting will be in September or October. The date has not yet been determined.

Motion by T. Sieber to adjourn. The motion was seconded by K. Deneys. Vote taken and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.